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Sir:

In a telephone conference with Examiner Ghatt on April 1, 1997, Applicants alerted the Examiner to an erroneous Notice of Abandonment dated March 27, 1997. At the request of the Examiner, Applicants are providing this hand-delivered packet containing a copy of the Reply and related papers timely submitted on February 28, 1997, as well as a copy of the return-receipt postcard stamped by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office mailroom, acknowledging timely receipt of these papers.

By way of background, on February 28, 1997 Applicants timely filed:

(1) A Reply pursuant to 37 CFR §1.111;

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(2) A Petition for Extension of Time Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.136(a) and 1.17, including the required fee;

(3) A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Filed Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97-1.98, including the two references noted and the required fee; and

(4) An acknowledgment postcard.

Applicants received the postcard with the appropriate U.S. Patent and Trademark Office mailroom stamp, acknowledging receipt of the above-noted items. Since receiving this postcard acknowledging timely submission of the above-listed items, Applicants have received an erroneous Notice of Abandonment dated March 27, 1997.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment.

Respectfully submitted,

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